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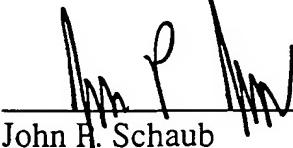
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Page 1, please replace "IDENTIFICATION AND PRIVACY IN THE WORLD WIDE WEB" with --PRIVACY AND IDENTIFICATION IN A DATA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK--.

Page 2, under TITLE OF INVENTION, please replace "IDENTIFICATION AND PRIVACY IN THE WORLD WIDE WEB" with --PRIVACY AND IDENTIFICATION IN A DATA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK--.